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I want to convey my feelings of the anti-trust litigation against Microsoft. Microsoft is a business and the object of a business is to make a profit. There are many companies that made huge profits because of Microsoft and their innovations, including these companies shouting "unfair business practices".

Everyone has the opportunity to develop their own software and compete against Microsoft. If these companies that are crying foul banned together, made an effort to create an operating system and applications software that was more or just as effective as Microsoft, they could control a great market share. But it seems the easy and cheaper road is to have government intervention (companies do not have to pay for this law suit, it is the American people) that stifles competition, thereby diverting monies that could be used for greater innovations in the Microsoft company to improve the standards of work, education, and life in America.

Microsoft's proposal to place software and hardware in the schools is a great idea, but a better idea was given by the Red Hat Linux corporation. Microsoft provides the same amount in cost of hardware to the schools that was stated they would provide in their software and hardware, while Red Hat provides their software and applications with unlimited support. This would show that Microsoft is serious about helping underprivileged schools and it shows good faith to the American people. At the same time, another operating system and applications are taught to future doctors, lawyers, teachers, professors, etc. This promotes learning of a new style and also adds another company to the software realm that has taken over our way of life in the last 25 years.

Thank you Sir and Ma'am for letting me voice my concerns and proposing another solution.

Sincerely,

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